

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1, 4-20, 22 and 23 are currently pending in the instant application, appear allowable over the prior art of record and have been renumbered as claims 1-20.

Applicants' amendment filed 4 September 2008 has overcome the objections to the claims and has overcome the 35 USC 112 2nd paragraph rejection of claims 2, 3, 21 and 22.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Craig A. McRobbie on 22 October 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. Amend the specification to include the continuing data by inserting the following sentence on line 3 of page 1 of the specification below the title of the invention and above line 4 which states "TECHNICAL FIELD".

Please insert the following sentence:

-- This application is a 371 of PCT/JP04/00074 filed January 8, 2004. --

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. This invention relates to products of the formula (I). The novel and nonobvious aspect of this invention

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involves the substituents on the furo[3,2-c]pyridine. The closest prior art of record fails to teach or suggest applicants' instantly claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Rebecca L. Anderson whose telephone number is (571) 272-0696. Mrs. Anderson can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 6:00am until 2:30pm.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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